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This is in reply to your letter of February 9, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule

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January 25, 1993

The Honorable Dirk Kempthorn
United States Senat
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Kempthorn:

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I own several radios and R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-controlled frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

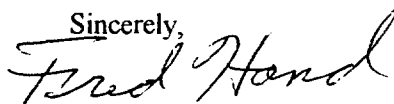
The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,



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January 24, 1993

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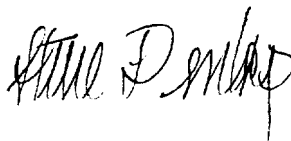
Dear Senator Kempthorne:

I am writing to ask you to vote against legislation bearing the title NPRM DOCKET 92-235. This legislation would change the allocation of radio frequencies in the 72 Megahertz band now used for the sport of radio controlled aeromodeling. The changes would allow operation of much more powerful communication radios on frequencies between the channels now used by the low power model aircraft transmitters. Consequently the inexpensive transmitters and receivers I now use would have to be scrapped and replaced with much more sophisticated equipment capable of excluding signals from the more powerful communication radios. The Academy of Model Aeronautics has contacted suppliers of currently used radio equipment and found that the more sophisticated radio equipment required as a result of the change will cost about \$500 to \$700 per set. Failure to defeat NPRM DOCKET 92-235 will require that I scrap my present setup and spend several hundred dollars to replace it to continue flying. I am one of over a hundred members of the Boise Area Radio Kontrol Society (BARKS) who will be similarly affected by this legislation and will be anxious to hear the outcome.

Please vote AGAINST the changes in NPRM DOCKET 92-235.
Please let me know how you voted and whether we managed to defeat this change.

When you're in town later (when it's warmer) I hope you can join us for an afternoon of sport flying at the BARKS field south of town.

Regards,



February 5, 1993

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The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember and I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model

complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. I own several model airplanes and have thousands of dollars invested in my hobby. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

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